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To William Petrie Esqre
P & M of the Bd of A. Reve.
&c. &c.

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Gentlemen

In pursuance of your Orders under date the 9th Instant I shall immediately send to the Paymaster of Trichinopoly 20000 Pagodas the remainder of the Balance ordered to be ~~sent~~ remitted being ~~in~~ principally in Colly Fanams cannot be ~~sent~~ forwarded ~~forward down~~ ~~till the fanams are exchanged into~~ ~~till Pagodas [illegible]~~ ~~procured~~ till I can procure Pagodas in Exchange which will be done in the Course of a few Days.

Sending the Colly Fanams to Trichinopoly would subject the Company to a very considerable Loss

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen &c &c

Madura
15th September 1791

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Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Collector
Tinevelly

Sir,

I have now ready and will deliver to your Agent at this place 250 New Bullock Saddles — I have also 150 old Gunny Bags which can be immediately made into 100 Gunny Bags fit for service — Some New Saddles are likewise ready in Dindigul but I cannot till I have a report from thence inform you of the Exact Number — by the 20th instant I shall have 150 Additional New Gunnys made up at Madura.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c.

Madura
17th Sept. 1791.

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Assistant to the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. Geo:

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you the Accounts of this District from the 1st to the 12th July last
You will observe by the Abstract a Balance
due

due from the Poligars — This would have been collected but for the ~~Reports~~ ~~accounts~~ ~~which~~ a ~~prevailing in the District of a large force of the Enemy having crossed the Bhavani,~~ approach of a considerable Body of the Enemy who had crossed the River Bhavani — ~~under the~~ ~~In the~~ In this State of Affairs it is always impossible to realize Balances due from Poligars, who will never pay till they see the Event of any Incursion made by the Enemy

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Dindegul
15.th August 1791

Copy of Perwannah given by the Nabob to Sheik Mahommed Moderress for the daily Charity of one Rupee in Ramnad.

Seal of the Cawzee

Copy of Perwannah under the Nabob Walajahs Sea[l]

On the 5.th of the Month Shabaan in the year of the Hejery 1188 —

Be

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it known to all the present and future Amildars of the Talook of Woolinagur (Ramnad) under Natanagur (Trichinopoly) that the Sum of one Rupee & Day from the ~~Sea~~ Customs of Kilikerrai is fixed for the Support of Shaik Mahommed Moderrefs, a Teacher & his Scholars the aforesaid ~~Charity~~ must be given to Shaik Mahomed daily Charity from the year ~~118~~ Plovey 1184 from the date of the arrival of this Perwannah for twelve Months, day by Day, without fail. A Receipt must be taken from the said Shaick Mahomed and for the future every Year, according to the Copy of this Perwannah and his Receipt ~~the above Charity~~ the amount of the above Charity ~~must~~ shall be ~~inserted~~ allowed in the accounts of that place (Ramnad)

W. Petrie Esq

President & Members

of the Bd of Asst Rev

T. V. Geo

Gentlemen

Enclosed I have

have the honor to forward Copy
and Translation of a Perwan-
-nah from his Highness the
Nabob granting a daily Charity
to one Shaick Mahommed Modeena
in the Ramnad District.

~~The Rajah of~~ The Rajah of
Ramnad informs me that he does
not think proper to pay the amount of
the abovementioned Charity unless
it be allowed for in his Peshcush

I therefore request to be favored
with your Orders on this Subject & I
have the honor to be

Gentlemen Your most obed^t Servt

Madras
23.^d Septr 1791

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B Torin Esq

Collector

Tinevelly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr Wynch respecting some Quarrels between two of his Poligars — Outamapolliam, the Place where Pullavaroy was in force, does not lie in the Road by which the Bullocks are to be sent. But it is not far from it.

I am

Madras
23d Feb. 1791

To Lionel Place Esqr.

Accountant to the Board of Assessed Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to Send you herewith the Jumma Wasil Backy of Jumma Kharch Accounts to the 12th. July last.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed. Serv.

Madura
15th. August 1791.

William Petrie Esqr.

President &ca. Members of the Board

of Assessed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

D

Being anxious to obtain particular information respecting Many of the Towns and Villages in the District of Dindigul from Observations Made on the Spot. I request the Board's permission to Depute Mr. Wrangham into that Province for the Abovementioned purpose.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Mt. Obt.

Madura
22d. Septr. 1791.

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Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Collector

Tinevilly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have delivered to your Agent here

By the 19th Instant — 3563.

On the 20th Instant — 937

Rejected by the Agent — 500.

5000

The Thousand Bullocks at Dindigul Will have been delivered to your Agent at that place —

Out of the 500 rejected Bullocks, I believe your Agent Will take Several — the other day he took 12 Which he had rejected, Not because they were unfit for field Service, but because I had Agreed to Receive them at the Advanced Price of 4 Pr. Pgs. each, Which he said was Above their Value, but Allowed they were perfectly fit for the Service —

I shall have 500 More Bullocks to replace those Which he has rejected, by tomorrow Night —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Mt. Obt. Sr.

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Lionel Place Esq.

Accountant to the Bd. of Asst. Revenue
Fort St. Geo.

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 22d Instant enclosing an Abstract shewing the particular Sums inserted in my Accounts Current ~~from~~ for the last Phazly year.

I am happy ~~to~~ in having received this detailed Specification of particulars because it enables me to ~~shew~~ demonstrate that there are no Errors whatever ~~in~~ ~~in any of the Whole Years~~ ~~either in~~ ~~the Abstracts or~~ in any of the Accounts, except two, one of which ~~I have already explained~~ (the disagreement in the Balance carried on from May to June) ~~& the other~~ I have already ~~fully~~ explained & the other is the insertion of 18½ instead of 17½ Fanams ~~of Star Pg.~~ in the Cash gr. of the Madura Settlement.

In your above mentioned Abstract you have put down in ~~the~~ September 750.35.34 as the pay of Sibbendees only whereas that Sum ~~contains~~ includes the pay of Topekhana Peons ~~Lascars~~ also

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also — They are it is true joined in my Accounts Current but then the ~~Acc~~ Account particulars transmitted with the Account Current clearly ~~shews the difference~~ ~~shew~~ points out the Distinction ~~for~~ and the List of Topekhana, in those particulars, bears the signature of the Madura Renter, ~~as~~ because the Expense of them is defrayed by him as a Charge of the Collection. — ~~When the proper Separation~~ You insert ~~388. 26~~ as Charges of Collection in Septr. 388.26.13 — my detailed abstract for the same month has only 210..1[illegible] ~~The first of them is the Charge of Collection for Madura the latter for Mellore~~ The latter Sum is ~~p correct~~ properly inserted in my Detailed abstract and the former omitted because the Mellore charges of Collection ~~since that case~~ since the Renter was deprived of that ~~Country are at the cap~~ Coun District fall upon the Company, and the Charges of Collection for Madura are allowed for in the Renters Kists — I had the honor to inform you ~~on the that the requisite~~ that credit had been given to the Renter for the amanee Collections ~~I had made~~ made by me for Phasly 1200 —

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~~In the Month of October~~ the Sum of 220.14.63. is put down in your Abstract as charges Collection for October & in my Detailed Abstract appears the Sum of 119.34.40 — # only —

~~What I have said in the~~ The Observations contained in the ~~next foregoing~~ Paragraph immediately preceding ~~applied strictly to this of those Sums also~~ is equally applicable to these Sums also.

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In your Abstract is inserted 2573.10.35 Gross Receipts from Madura in September and 1449.10.55. for October but in my Detailed Abstract does not show any Receipt for Septr & only 854.0.4. for October ~~the same Months~~ because the Collections of ~~that~~ those Months were made over to the Madura Renter but from the above Sums of 2573..10.35. & 1449.10.55. should be deducted 1613.33.58. as explained by the following Memorandum in the Account Current for May

"Deduct for Paddy collected on "account of the Renter & delivered to him "as inserted in the Accounts Current of " "September & October last — S. P. 1613.33.58.

You insert 235..4..69 as advances for Cultivation — in my detailed Abstract there

there is no head for that Disbursement
because the expence ~~being the Renters~~
was transferred to the Renter. The
advance was made ~~in Paddy~~ from the
Renters Paddy to the ~~amount of~~
Pag. 235.4..69 ~~and~~ which should consequently
be deducted from the ~~Gross Collection~~
Amount of the Grain Collection in
the Months of Septr. and October.

In your Statement of Collectors
~~Salary~~ Commission you have omitted the Sum
of Ps 527.11.46. — which appears in my
Detailed abstract for May — The Board
of Revenue, (as you must have seen
by the Extract which you sent me from the
Board of Audit,) conceived me to have
been incorrect regarding Salary & Commission
I transmitted an Explanation of which
I enclose you a Copy —

In your abstract ~~inserted~~ the
Sum of 65.1.13. is put down as Charges
Collection for March — my account shews
only 59.16.43. — this disagreement arises
from

you having joined the Sadewarid with the Charges Collection, — in my Detailed abstract the Sadewarid is inserted separately amounting to 5.20.50. which added to 59.16.43 — makes ~~the~~ your Sum of 65.1.13. —— The same remarks are strictly applicable to ~~your~~ ~~Accounts~~ the Sum of 63.25.43. inserted as charges of Collection in April.

The disagreement ~~between~~ which you have noticed between particular Sums in the Ramnad & Shivagunga Peshcush arises from the difference of Exchange at which the Sums were rec^d. before the final adjustment of the Exchange by the Board — the whole amount of this difference is 137.12.68. ~~the amount of the Sum~~ which ~~made~~ caused the ~~disagreement~~ Error in the Balance of Cash brought forward ~~from from the~~ ~~in the~~ ~~Accou~~ from the May to the June Account Current which Error I explained to you in my Letter of the 27th Ult^o. as arising from the Altera= =tion of Exchange ~~with the Ra~~ in the Ramnad & Shivagunga Peshcush

It is true however, that I have erred in Omitting to point out the differences as they arose in each Article of the Acc.t

With regard to the Sum of St. Pg. 62857.6.70 it is the Amount of the Madura Settlement at the Exchange of 17½ Colly fanams ꝑ St. Pg. — By Mistake the Exchange of 18½ fanams was inserted — 17½ fanams ꝑ Star Pg. is the Exchg. fixed by Order of the Board —

In your Letter it is remarked that you do not find the Charge for Gunnies &c. brought back to my Debit — This Charge is brought back to my Debit in the May Account Accompanied with the following Memorandum.

"Add Charges Extraordinary inserted in the "Accounts Current for November & December, but which are "Not to bee Charged till Supported by proper Vouchers Star "Pg. 567. 18. 57"

It would have been proper in Me to have given you More particular information regarding the Amount placed to the Credit of the Renter of Madura.

In the Above Statement tho' it is drawn up with the greatest Attention Some Seeming or real Errors May perhaps have Occurred, if so I request you will favor Me with an early Communication of them in Order

Order that I may explain or amend them without Delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Madura
28th. Sept. 1791.

Your Most Obed. Servant

George Wynch Esqr.
Collector of Daraporam &c.

Sir

I have received your favor of the 19th. inst. and in Consequence of the request Contained in it have Written a Strict Order to the Poligar of Pylney to deliver the fugitive into your hands. As Poligars are apt to protect one another, or to Alledge that the person who took refuge has made his Escape from Territories, I have given Notice to the Pylney Poligar that I shall Consider any such Escape as the Effect of his Connivance & punish him Accordingly, unless he can fully prove that the Escape shall have been made without his knowledge. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Madura
30th. Septemr. 1791.

Your Most Obed. Servant

William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board
of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

According to your Board's Order of the 23d. Instant I am preparing to Send to Trichinopoly the Remainder of the Balance in My hands, excepting the Sum of St. Pgs. 12328.. – Required by the Paymaster for the Troops in Madura the Marawars & Dindigul – the Paymaster's Indent includes in the Above Sum, 2000 Star Ps. for a Paymt. to be Made to the 5th. Battalion which is Now at Dindigul and Ready to proceed on Service –

The Paymaster having no Means of paying the Abovementioned Garrisons, but from Money furnished by Me, I thought the public Service absolutely required that deviation from your Orders, respecting the Remittance, which I have had the honor to State –

I dispatched to the Paymaster of Trichy 20,000 Star Pagodas, and having Some little time before,

remitted

Remitted to him 21000 St. Pagodas from Dindigul, there is in Consequence a Scarcity of Pagodas at this place, the greatest part of the Balance in My hands being in Colly fanams, Which I am converting into Pagodas as expeditiously as the present Scarcity of Gold will permit, and hope to Complete the Remittance in eight or ten days — Were Colly fanams to be Sent to Trichy, the Company would Sustain a very heavy loss —

Mr. Garrow has acknowledged the Receipt of the Money Already Sent, but cannot grant Me a Bill on the Paymaster General, till he Shall Receive an Order from Madras, for Which he has Applied.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Madura
30th. Septemr. 1791.

Your Most Obed Ser

Lionel Place Esqr.
~~Acct. to the Bd. of Assumed Revenue~~
Accountant to the Board of ~~...~~
Assumed Revenue Fort St. George.

Sir

I beg leave to observe to you that

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that the Copy of my Account Current for last May transmitted ~~in my~~ to the Board in my letter of the 9th Ulto. is not the Copy of the Account Current ~~[illegible]~~ originally sent to you in May but of a corrected Account transmitted subsequently to that period; ~~it~~ which it appears however, you have not received — It was sent to the Tappal as I the persons of my Cutcherry employed in copying the English Accounts, as well as myself ~~remember~~ perfectly & remember —

I transmitted the above corrected account in Consequence of your informing me that the Accounts for May were inaccurate, ~~and you [illegible]~~ you returned me the General and Detailed Abstracts but informed me that you had then occasion ~~for the~~ to retain the Account Current. The Board of Audit therefore have judged of my accounts by ~~an~~ the original erroneous Account Current. In order to render the Account Current for May ~~correct~~ perfectly accurate the Sum of Pags 137.12.68. arising from a Correction of the Exchange in

the Ramnad & Shivagunga Peshcush should be deducted from the Sum Total; the omission of this Deduction occasioned the difference in the Balance brought from the May to the same account. I request you will be pleased to make the above mentioned Deduction.

Madura
4. Oct. 1791 ~~Hv~~ & have the honor to be
Sir.

L. Place Esq.
Actg. to the B.d of Ass.t Revenue
F. S. Geo:

Sir

In my Acct. Current for August last I have ~~omitted~~ inserted the Sum of Star Pagodas 1289 7. 6. 70 as an advance for the purchase of Bullocks — I beg leave to inform you that the estimated Price of each Bullock is four Porto N.o Pagodas — I made the advance on a Supposition that the above price would be required but could not draw a Bill on the Contractor's Agent for the amount of the whole till the bullocks should be actually paid for — I expected to get some Bullocks at a lower ~~price~~ Rate — A Bill on the Contractor's Agent is the only voucher

by

by which the charge could have been supported and I have already shewn the Reason why that could not be granted

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Ob^t Ser

Madura 4th October 1791

To William Petrie Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Enclosed I have the honor [to] transmit the Amilnamahs for the Talooks of Madura and the Districts of Mellore.

I hope the Board will approve of the clause I have inserted by which the Farmers are restrained

from taking Custom on Horses passing thro' the Talooks — I thought proper to insert the above mentioned Clause in consequence of the Board's former order directing me not to take Custom on Horses.

The different Farmers have agreed to take nothing under the head of Fines from the Inhabitants of the Talooks; my Reason for introducing this regulation into the Amilnamahs are contained in my Letter to the Board, under the date the 5th June last.

I have the honor to be &c.

Madura
4th Octr. 1791

P. S. The Amilnamahs for the Renters of the Customs and Collar Cood &c. shall be transmitted without Delay.

an

E. Garrow Esqr

Paymaster &c

Trichinopoly

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose a Bill on Buckenjee for 5 000 P.N Pagodas payable at 4 Days Sight — When you shall have recd. the Amount be pleased to send me a Bill for it on the Payr Genl.

Madura
8th October 1791

Yours &c &c

Thomas Cockburn Esqr

Assistant to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Sir

Herewith I enclose the accounts of this District from the 13th to the 31st July last.

I have not sent the "Abstract" because as the Poligar Settlement is not completed for the present Phasley Year, ~~it cannot make~~ it cannot be made out according to the usual Form — Do me the favor to ~~inform me~~ let me know ~~how~~ in what Form I am to make out the Abstracts from the commencement of ~~the Present~~ this Phasley Year

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~~I have the honor to be~~

Sir I am, Sir

Your most Obt

Dindigul ~~12th October 1791~~
15th August 1791.

William Petrie Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have received a Petition from the Yeomadars of this District stating that they suffer great hardships and distress from the want of their Allowances and requesting that those Allowances may be again regularly paid to them.

All payments to this Class of men were suspended in Consequence of Orders from your Board dated 21st March last.

There is now due to them Seven Months Pay for the Year Phasley 1200 - amounting to Star Pags 1995 — As they suffer much Inconvenience and distress from the Stoppage of their Customary Allowances I request to know whether the usual Pay may not be continued to them.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen Your Most Obed Servt

Madura
14th October 1791

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

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Lionel Place Esqr

Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revs

Fort St George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose my Accounts for last Month

I shall transmit Receipts from the Rajah of Ramnad & China Murdoo to be substituted for those now sent under the Signature of their Vaqueels —

I am &c &c &c

Madura
15th Octr 1791

Lionel Place Esqr

Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revs

Sir

Fort St George

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the Jumma Khurch Accounts of these Districts from the 13th July to the 30th Septr last

I am
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Madura
15th October 1791 —

William Petrie Esqr

President & Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

As there is not at Dindegul, any building, unoccupied, which may be converted in to a suitable place of Residence either for Mr. Wrangham or myself — I take the liberty of requesting your permiss to enclose two Spaces of Ground containing both to gether, nineteen Cawnies, for the purpose of erecting two Bangaloes

The Ground I wish to have is part of an extensive spot near the Fort totally uncultivat and which cannot be completely cultivated unless the number of Inhabitants in the Province were encreased to double what it is at present

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen Your Most Obedt Serv
(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Dindegul
24th October 1791

Collonel Martinz

Commander in Ramnad & Sevagungah

Sir

Having been directed by the Board of Assum Revenue to Report on the present state of the Sevegunga pro=vence as well as the Situation of the Widow and Discende of the Palagars of that Place I request the favour of your

yours to Let me know the present Situation of the Rany of Shevagunga and her Grand Daughter

Madura
15 October 1791

I have
&c &c &c &c

To Wm Petrie Esq
President & Members of Board of Assd Rev:
Fort St George

Gentlemen

having Collected 5000 PK Pags in Exchange for Colly Fanams I dispatched the Amount this Day to the Pay Mr at Trichnapoly

Reports ~~[illegible]~~ prevailing here that Some of Tippoos horse are on this Side of the River Chavary I have therefore thought proper to remit the Above mentioned ~~Sums~~ Sum to Trichy by a Savacar Bill at 6 Days Sight

Madura
[illegible] October 1791

I have
&c &c &c

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William Petrie Esqr

Presd. &c. &c.

Board of Revenue

F. St. Geo:

Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor to ~~send~~ transmit the "Account particulars "of Different occupations in the District of Dindigul.

The Form of this account ~~sent by your Board~~ sent to me for my guidance contains three Columns under the head of "Lands appertaining to "Government Share."

I have the honor to be

Gentn.

Yr. most Ob. Servt.

Dindigul

23d. October 1791.

William Petrie Esqr

President &ca. Members of the Bd. of Revn.

F. St. Geo

Gentlemen

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28.

An Account drawn out according to the Form which I have now the honor to enclose for your perusal would shew every particular relative to the Poonjee Lands & ~~of Dindigul~~ — of the Dindigul Province; should ~~it~~ your Board approve of the above Form, which ~~is only shews the particulars~~ is for one Talook only, I will transmit ~~Accounts~~ a similar Account for all the Talooks of Dindigul, ~~and~~ together with ~~an~~ a detailed Account of the Nunjee Lands in the same place

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen Your most Obt Ser

Dindigul
23d October 1791

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council –
Fort St George

Honble Sir

Having requested Mr Torin to Trans-mit me the Deposition of Arnachillum respect-ing the person alluded to by him as his Master when he claimed the Grain which was se[ized] by Mr Vaughan I now beg leave to inclose Copy of Mr Torin's Reply on the Subject –

I have the Honor to be
Honorable Sir
your most Obedient
Servant
Alex^r^ Macleod
Coll^r^

Madura
14 November 1791

Lionel Place Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit enclosed the accounts of this Districts for Last Month —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient St.

Madura 15th November 1791

Signed Alexr. Macleod

William Petrie Esqr.
President &c. members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentleman

I have Received the Commands of Lord Cornwallis thro Mr. Cockburn to prepare Bullocks Coolies &c for the Carriage of the Rice in Store at Palagautcherry to the Guzzel hatty Pass so soon as the ~~Gnemy~~ Enemy shall evacuate the Coimbettore District. I shall be able to supply Carriage for a very Large quantity of the Rice but

but the Bullock Owners &c would not engage for the Service without the strongest Assurance That they were to Go no farther than the Battom of the Pass. —

To Constinue them in this Confidence as well as to insure the punctual payment & Good Treament of the people who must compose so Large a Covoy, I Request your permission to proceed with them to Pallagautcherry & the Guzzleda tty pass & to remain with them till the important Object of forming a Deposit of Rice at the Pass for the use of the Grand Army may be Completed —

I have the honor to be —

Gentleman

your most Obedient Servant Alex.r Macleod Coll.

Dindegul 28th November 1791

Signed

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B. Torin Esqr
Collector
Tranquebar

Sir

The Amuldar of Pala-
=gautcherry having received orders
by directions from the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions
to apply to you for the number of
Gunny Bags which I may be
unable to furnish, I have to request
you will be pleased to procure and
send to me as expeditiously as possible
five thousand Gunny Bags — they
may be forwarded either to Madura
or Dindigul but the latter place would
be preferable

I am &c &c

Madura
25th Nov. 1791

Vincentie Corbett Esq

Store keeper

Palagautchery

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I shall be able to send you the Six Items and Gunny bag which you require, but as part of them are to be furni[shed] by Mr. Torin I Cannot yet let you the exact time wh[en] they may be sent from hence —

Madura 13th Dec. 1791

I am Sir your most Obedient

Alexr. Macleod

Collector

Lionel Place Esq

Acct. to the Board of Assd. Rev.

F. St. Geo

Sir Herewith I have the honor to transmit the Accounts of these Districts for the Month of November Last

I have &c

Sir Yr most Obed Servt

Madura 15th Dec. 1791

Lionel Place Esq.
Accot. to the Bd. of Asst. Revenue
of St. George

Sir

~~Herewith~~ Herewith I have the honor to send the Jumma bundies & Kistbundies of Madura and Nellore for ~~the Present~~ the year Phazly 1201 —

The Jumma & Kistbundee of the Renter of the Madura Customs cannot be yet transmitted because, since ~~the agreem~~ he became Renter the Board issued order ~~that certain articles should pass which said a tax~~ that the Custom should be taken off certain Articles, ~~& tell it shall be a & agree that he should have credit~~

~~for the amount of them the Decrease in his profits occasioned by the above Orders, the Renter is to have credit~~

When the amount of the Renter's loss ~~on account of in causes~~ arising from the above Orders shall have been ascertained ~~he He is to~~ the ~~His~~ the ~~Rent is to be~~ original Rent which he agreed to pay is to be proportionably reduced —

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obt. Servt.

Madura
15th Decr. 179[illegible]

P.S. I shall forward, without loss of time the account of Summary & Kists ~~when~~ the Peshcush of Ramnad & Shivagunga become payable

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Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Accountt to the Bd of Revenue

Ft St G.

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that it is not in my power to transmit the Accounts of this District by the 15th of every Month because the Accots of the distant Talook of Outampollam can never arrive at the Cutcherry of Dindigul time enough to accompany the Accounts of the other Talooks which are always ready by the 15th – Outampollam is Situate at the Extremity of the Dindigul Valley, a very narrow tract but extends from the Fort, Ninety English Miles at least. – The Accounts are not brought by a Tappal Consequently are Several days on the Road, the bearer of them is liable to frequent interruptions from Poligar people

who

who some time inspect the Road — The accounts of the Talook must be brought up to the end of the preceding Month, examined & Copied, then, transmitted to Dindigul where they are again examined so that with the slow conveyance by which they arrive, I do not think it will ever be practicable, under the present Circumstances to answer for their punctual Arrival at Dindigul in time for transmission by the 15.th —

I have therefore to request that leave may be obtained to make the 18 or 20th of each Month, the fixed day for sending the Dindigul Accounts to the Presidency. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yr Mt. Obt. Sert.
Alexr. A. M.
Collr

Dindigul
15th Decemr. 1791

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John Wrangham Esqr.

Cumbum & Goodaloor
Enclosures not found

Dindigul

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to inclose for your Information Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Travancore & translation of a Letter from the Dewan of Travancore to him, both on the Subject of Cumbum & Goodilor.

I request that on the Receipt of this you will Order the Moniger of Outampolliam to receive Charge of Cumbum, Goodiloo & the other places named in the above Translation of the Dewan's Letter — The Moniger must take Charge of the Abovementioned places and require from the Rajah of Travancore's Manager of them, all Accounts that came into his Possession after the Conquest of Dindigul, the Balance now in hand, & the Accounts of his Administration of the Revenues to the date of delivering the District to the Company. These must be given under the Signature of the Rajah's Manager and his other official Servants —

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Whatever

Whatever Grain is now in the above places must be received by the Companys Moniegar, and an Anchana or Valuation of the Quantity of Grain, now growing, must be made out and transmitted to Dindigul as soon as it can be done conveniently. If, however, the Rajah's Manager refuses to sign the Accounts or Certify them in any way, equivalent to his Signature, the Companys Moniegar is not on that account (nor on other) to make any delay in receiving possession of the Places, but, in this Event, he must be particular in Stating the Actual Situation of the Districts, and remark fully upon the Conduct of Rajah's people in case they withhold any thing which ought to be delivered over to the Company.

Two Companies of Sepoys should proceed to Cumbum &c. as soon as possible to be under the orders of the Moniegar: and you will do me the favor to explain to him that this force is intended only to awe the Neighbouring

Poligar

Poligar Appajee Goundem, who has interfered in Some of the Cumbum Villages, but on no account to give umbrage, to any of the Rajahs Officers &c.

Care must be taken that None of these Sepoys arrive at Cumbum &c. before the Moniegar himself Shall be there — And he is not to wait for them, or any part of them but to proceed immediately with the Sepoys now at Outampolliam to take Charge of the Districts.

He may for the present entertain in the Company's Service, at the Usual pay, Such of the Rajah's Servants, now employed at Cumbum &c. as are willing to Continue & may be found necessary and properly qualified

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

Sd./ Alex.r Maclеod

Coll.r

Madura
17th Decem. 1791.

P. S. The Climate about Outampolliam, being at this Season very unhealthy, the Sepoys Who may be with the Moniegar in Cumbum &c. are to be relieved in the Space of Seventeen days from the date of their Arrival there —

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George Powney Esqr
Resident at
Travancore

Sir,

I am just now favored with your Letter of the 8th of October last inclosing translation [illegible] written to you by the Dewan of Travancore on [illegible] Subject of Cumbum Goodaloor &c.

I have in Consequence renewed My Orders for receiving possession of the districts from the Rajah of Travancore's Manager With regard to the Dewan's request of letting him have the above Countries in Rent, it is not in my power to Comply with it — All Lands Whatever are Rented by public Advertisement to those Whose Offers Appear Most Advantageous to the Honble Company, & Most Conducive to the ~~property~~ prosperity of the Country. —

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I shall however Submit a Copy of your Letter & of the translation accompanying it to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed^t. Servt.
Madura
17th Decem^r. 1791.
(Sd.) Alex^r. Maclead
Coll^r.

Lionel Place Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue
Fort S^t. George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the Jumma Khirch Accounts of these districts for October and November last.

I am Sir
Your Most Obed^t. Servt.
Madura
15th Decem^r. 1791.
(Sd.) A. M.
Coll^r.

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W. Petrie Esqr.

President &ca. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have received a Letter from the Accountant of your Board under date the 1st. instant inclosing Extract from your Proceedings at a Board of Audit, relative to my Accounts.

I cannot make an immediately Reply [to] the Remarks contained therein without Consulting the Accounts [&Pa]pers, which are at the Cutchery in the Fort & the River being so high & Rapid as to prevent my going into the Fort — It would of course be improper to send for the Accounts &ca. as they would be exposed to great risque in passing the River

This day four persons unfortunately perished (among whom were two Madura Tappal Men in attempting to Cross the Water on a Raft. —

This River has been in this State for many days, which prevented Me from Completing & Sending My Report on the State of the Marawars, Some Papers Necessary for that purpose being in the Fort. —

Madura
10th. June 1791

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. Petrie Esqr.
President &c. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose my Report on the present State &c. of the Marawars. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Mt. Obed. Servant

Madura
19th. Decemr. 1791.

Vide, the preceding Book of Letters Sent
Page first.

Lionel Place Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

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Enclosed I transmit to you my Accounts of Madura & the two Marawars for November & December last, the Extra Charges are inserted in Consequence of Orders from General Medows Communicated to me by Colo. Harris. —

I received since the 13th. January from China Murda P.N. Pgs. 3000. — & from the Ramnad Rajah 8000 Chs. on Account of their Peshcush & 5000 Chs. from the Renter of this place in further Payment of his Rent, but as Mr. Wrangham took Charge of the Districts in January he will forward the Accounts for that Month. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed Servt.
(Sd.) Alexr. Macleod
Collr.

Madura
2d. February 1791.

Lionel Place Esq.

Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 8th Instt. Containing remarks of the Board of Audit on my Accounts for October November & Decemr. last.

I Shall According to your directions transfer the Charge of Pay to Sepoys employed at Dindigul to the [...]nts of that District —

The Sum of Pgs 74. 34. 72 in my December Account Current, is for Grain of the present Years Crop.

The Charge of 474. 23. 12 in My November Accounts is for various Articles, (Specified in my Account particulars) Which I provided & sent to the Army by an Order from the Secretary of General Medows with Whose requisition I was instructed to Comply. Circumstances have hitherto prevented my Obtaining Receipts for the above Articles, from the Departments to Which they were delivered. When these Vouchers Come to hand they Shall bee transmitted to you without delay

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

(Sd.) Alexr. Macleod

Collr.

Fort St. George
9th March 1791.

Lionel Place Esqr.

Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 22d instt. informing Me that in a Letter dated 27th of last July you had transmitted Me a form to enable you to draw out a General Statement of the Revenue of the Assumed Countries — The abovementioned Letter I never received — At the time when it might have Arrived at Madura I was in Daraporam District on my Way to Coimbatoor and out of the line of Com=munication by the Tappal. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

(Sd.) Alexr. Macleod

Collr

Madura
28th. Septemr. 1791.

William Petrie Esqr.

President &ca Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter transmitted by Me to the Accountant of your Board, in Answer to

Remarks

Remarks which he made upon my Accounts for Pkanly 1200.

In the Letter which Contained these Remarks he inclosed Me a Copy of particular Articles in my Accounts Current Which have produced what he Supposed to be inaccuracies.

I regret exceedingly that by the very late Communication of this Specific detail relative to my Accounts, an Opportunity was not Offered Me of giving an earlier explanation by Which perhaps the Censure passed by you respecting my Accounts Might have been avoided or greatly Mitigated.

I have the honor to be

[illegible]dura
[illegible]8th Septem.r 1791.

Gentlemen

Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Sig.d) Alex.r Macleod
Coll.r

Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Collector,

Tinnevelly

Sir,

The Storekeeper of Palagantcherry having desired Me by Directions from the Commissary General [illegible] Grain & Provisions to Apply to you for the Gunny Ba[illegible]

Bags which I may be unable to furnish. —

I have to request you will be pleased to procure & send to me as expeditiously as possible, Gunny Bags they may be forwarded either to Madura or Dendigul, but the latter place would be preferable. —

I have the honor to be

Madura

25th Novemr. 1791.

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

(Sd.) Alexr. Macleod

Collr.

Hugh Vaughan Esqr.

Paymaster &ca.

Madura

Sir,

I have received from Government a Letter of which the following is an Extract

KEMWALRAM'S
SPECIALTY MADE FOR
MADRAS
MADE IN JAPAN

I request to be favored with the Abovementioned Inform-ation & any further Intelligence that you May be Able to give Me on the Subject of the Grain seized by you —

I have the honor to be

Madura
2^d October 1791.

Sir

Your Most Obed^t Servt

(Sd.) Alex^r. Maclio[d]
Coll^r

Captain Bowser
Commanding

Dindigul

Sir,

Understanding that Some of the Enemys Horse are at Daraporam & there being a probability that they will enter the Dindigul District, I have to request your Assistance in detaching an Officer, & Sixty regular Sepoys as you May be able to Spare from your Garrison to take under his Command the Dindig[ul] Corps & Poligar Peons & Occupy Such Station as may be the best for preventing the Enemy's Horse from Committing Depredations in the Country —

I have the honor to be

Dindigul
15th Novem^r 1791.

Sir,

Your Most Obed^t S^t

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[T]homas Cockburne Esqr
Commissary General of Grain & Provision
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I am yesterday favored with y[our] Letter of the 3d Instant respecting the Conveyance of Rice to the Guzzelhatty [and took] immediately the necessary Steps to insure all the Assistance [w]hich My Districts can furnish for that Service.—

Coimbetoor Surrendered on the 3d Instant a[nd the] Enemy are in possession of the Whole of that District but no[twith]standing the impression which these Operations Naturally Make on the Inhabitants of Neighbouring Provinces I have little doubt of my fur[nish]ing at the proper time a Conveyance for a very large quantity [of] Rice — I shall Observe your Directions in giving you the [earli]est Intimation of my Success in procuring bullocks &c. —

In the Course of Seven days from this date [I] Shall have Collected from the District nearly 3000 Bullocks [loade]d of Rice Which Shall be kept at Dindigul Fort in [re]adiness to be forwarded to the Pass.—

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obe[dient]
[Se]r[vant]

Dindigul
[?]th Novemr. 1791

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Wm. Petrie Esqr.
President &c. Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to enclose the List of Villa[ge]
Servants &c. as directed by the Deputy Accountant, on Ref[erence]
to the Proceedings of the Board of Audit dated 12th March 17[..]

On my Arrival at Dindigul [..]
[S]eptember 1790. I required from the Person then in Charge
[o]f the District that he should deliver it over to me with the
Accounts of his Administration which Continued 16 Days. – He
promised to Send Me the accounts immediately but in the Evening
of the day, When I was to have received them, He and [..]
his followers absconded